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SUBJ: PRISONER HUNGER STRIKE IN MEXICO CITY: STREP 3

REF: MEXICO 15536 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON DECEMBER 9, CONOFFS REVISITED NORTE PRISON TO DETERMINE STATUS OF HUNGER STRIKE AND MAKE GENERAL PRISON VISIT. THE DIRECTOR WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT AT THAT TIME. HOWEVER, THE TEN AMERICAN PRISONERS INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE ALL BEEN FASTING SINCE DECEMBER 7 IN PROTEST OF THE FAILURE OF THE GOM TO FULFILL ITS PROMISE TO PASS THE PAROLE LAW BY DECEMBER 1. THE PRISONERS ALSO SAID (IN ORDER TO CREATE CONFUSION) THEY ARE DENYING TO ANY MEXICAN OFFICIAL THAT THEY ARE ON STRIKE. COMMENT: THE PURPOSE OF THE PRISONERS' DENIAL MAY BE TO AVOID GOM RETALIATION.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND NOR ANY INJURIES TO AMERICANS AT NORTE.

3. THE AMERICAN PRISONERS INFORMED CONOFFS THAT BOTH MEXICAN PRISONERS AND GUARDS WERE IN SYMPATHY WITH THEIR STRIKE AND THAT THE NEW CHIEF OF GUARDS AT THE PRISON HAD BEEN FIRED DECEMBER 8.

3. CONOFF CONFIRMED WITH ONE OF THE 10 PRISONERS THAT HE HAD SENT TO UPI AND ADVANCE LETTER INDICATING UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE AMERICANS WERE ABOUT TO INITIATE A STRIKE

AT NORTE.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION AND
REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

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